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REMARKS

These remarks are directed to the office action mailed October 11, 2007, setting a three month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 11, 2007. Claims 1-11 are pending in the application; claims 1-8 and 11 are allowed; claims 9 and 10 are rejected. The office action issued by the Examiner and the citations referred to in the office action have been carefully considered.

Prompt reconsideration is requested in view of the above claim amendments and the following remarks. As indicated, amendments introduce no new matter.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 112

Claims 9 and 10 have been rejected under 35 USC § 112 as being indefinite. Claim 9 has been amended to have proper dependent form. Applicant submits that claims 9 and 10 are now patentable under 35 USC § 112.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error in describing the spoon blade module with respect to the handle module.

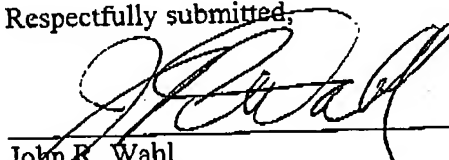
In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance, and such early action is respectfully solicited. Should matters remain, which the Examiner believes could be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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